

MAR 07 2006

PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 13309/5

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/764,010 Confirmation No. 8938
Applicant : Eugene ALEXANDER et al.
Filed : January 22, 2004
Title : ASSESSING THE CONDITION OF A JOINT AND DEVISING
TREATMENT
TC/A.U. : 3737
Examiner : William C. JUNG

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2005 for which a response period expiring on February 28, 2006, was set. The extended period expires on March 30, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the small entity 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 extension fee of \$60.00 to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

KENYON & KENYON LLP
333 West San Carlos St., Suite 600
San Jose, CA 95110
Telephone: (408) 975-7500
Facsimile: (408) 975-7501

By:

Frank L. Bernstein
Frank L. Bernstein
Reg. No. 31,484

Date: March 7, 2006

Customer No. 36806

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on March 7, 2006.

Thea K. Wagner
Thea K. Wagner

SJ01 83170 v1

10764010
03/09/2006 BABRAH1 00000009 11060060.00 DA
01 FC:2251